

City of Wabash Redevelopment Commission

Meeting Minutes

September 10, 2024 | 4:00pm | Wabash City Hall | 202 S Wabash St., Wabash, IN 46992

General notes about this Meeting: *The public was informed of this meeting in several ways. First was via email notification to the media with the City of Wabash Redevelopment Commission master schedule, which is also posted in a public area in City Hall. The staff of City Hall were informed of the formats to field questions from the public. This format was in-person and via a public video conference utilizing the Zoom software accessible via a link on the meeting schedule shared publicly and on the agenda. <https://zoom.us/j/9928706626> | Meeting ID: 992 870 6626*

Commission Members Present In-Person: John Burnsworth, Lynn Yohe, Jim Reynolds, Marilyn Custer-Mitchell, Doug Konkle

Commission Members Present Virtually: N/A

Commission Members Absent: Rod Kelsheimer

Staff Present: Amber White, Doug Lehman, Chelsea Parson, Doug Lehman

Guests Present: Melanie Givens-Penn, Clerk-Treasurer

Meeting Called to Order:

Meeting called to order on September 10, 2024 at 4:01 PM by Lynn Yohe.

Minutes:

Yohe presented the minutes of the August 6, 2024 meeting previously emailed out to the commission.

A motion was made by Marilyn Custer-Mitchell to approve the minutes duly seconded by John Burnsworth.

Motion passed unanimously.

Invoices:

Tenille Zartman summarized the invoices which included the member dues for the RAI, regular dues for the services of Doug Lehman and costs associated to the closing of the sale for Ash Street and recommended approval.

A motion was made by Burnsworth to approve the invoices duly seconded by Custer-Mitchell.

Motion passed unanimously.

New Business:

- **Resolution #04-2024 – Purchase of New Industrial Land**

Doug Lehman explained the current process for the City of Wabash to acquire property owned by the Halderman family totaling approximately 232 acres that will be used for industrial development.

Per Lehman, \$2M of the funds to purchase the property will come through the RDC in addition to the \$3M+ from the City to purchase the land.

The RDC required a clarification regarding the purchase. Lehman stated he would, with their authorization, to amend the language that would approve the purchase of the land contingent upon the City securing the full amount (including the \$2M that would come from the RDC).

Lehman said he would complete the amendments and contact Yohe to sign the amended resolution.

A motion was made by Reynolds to amend the resolution duly seconded by Burnsworth.

Motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Reynolds to accept the resolution as amended duly seconded by Burnsworth.

Motion passed unanimously.

Old Business:

Chelsea Parson told the RDC that attention for the Sposeep building has increased since it was announced as a Top 10 Most Endangered building. Grow Wabash County regularly receives emails from people interested in the building.

Parson also invited the RDC to attend the Duke Site Readiness presentation scheduled for September 20 which will discuss the potential and marketability of the Halderman land.

Meeting Adjourned: Meeting adjourned at 4:19 pm by Yohe.